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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR

1948.

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Frimley and Camberley Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the directions of the Minister of Health, I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for 1948.

The health of the community remained good and no epidemic of any infectious disease occurred during the year under review.

The vital statistics for the year show a further increase in the legitimate birth rate and a further reduction in the illegitimate birth rate. The number of deaths from all causes is again lower.

The National Health Service Act, 1946, which came into operation during the year, placed responsibility for diphtheria immunisation upon the County Council but this Council agreed to accept delegated powers and I have therefore remained responsible for this work on behalf of the County Medical Officer.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1948.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Live Births (Legitimate	369	197	172
(Illegitimate	32	20	12
Still Births (Legitimate	7	4	3
(Illegitimate	-	-	-
Deaths	185	94	91

Deaths from puerperal cases:-	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (Live & Still) births.
(a) Puerperal sepsis	-	-
(b) Other puerperal causes	1	2.45

Deaths of Infants under one year of age:-

Legitimate	11	8	3
Illegitimate	2	1	1

Death-rate of infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births	32.4
Legitimate infants, per 1,000 legitimate live births	29.8
Illegitimate infants, per 1,000 illegitimate live births	62.5

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	NIL
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	NIL
Deaths from Diarrhoea etc. (under 2 years)	NIL

The other certified causes of death were:-

	Male.	Female.
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	1	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	4	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis.	-	1
Syphilitic Diseases.	1	-
Influenza.	1	-
Cancer (all sites).	16	14
Diabetes.	2	-
Intra-cranial vascular lesions.	9	9
Heart disease.	26	27
Other diseases of circulatory system.	4	4
Bronchitis.	3	6
Pneumonia.	3	5
Other respiratory diseases.	-	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum.	2	-
Other digestive diseases.	-	2
Nephritis.	7	3
Other maternal causes.	-	1
Premature birth.	2	1
Congenital causes.	4	2
Suicide.	2	1
Road traffic accidents.	1	1
Other violent causes.	1	3
All other causes.	5	8

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis).

	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox.	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	18	10	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid).	-	-	-
Puerperal Fever.	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-
Pneumonia (all forms).	-	-	8
Erysipelas.	1	1	-
Encephalitis Lethargica.	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis.	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	-	-	1
Measles.	39	1	-
Whooping Cough.	45	1	-

During the year 13 premises have been disinfected, comprising:-

Scarlet Fever:- 5; German Measles:- 1;
Tuberculosis:- 7.

22 lots of clothing and bedding were subjected to steam disinfection during the year.

Disinfection in cases of non-notifiable disease is carried out on request, and the cost re-charged.

ANALYSIS OF TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED DURING YEAR 1948.

Notifiable Disease.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT. All ages - Years.												Total cases in each locality.					Number of cases removed in each locality.					
	All ages	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 and over	Camberley	Yorktown	Frimley	Frimley Green and Mytchett	Blackdown	Camberley	Yorktown	Frimley	Frimley Green and Mytchett	Blackdown	TOTAL CASES REMOVED TO HOSP:
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	18	-	-	1	1	3	9	3	-	-	1	-	9	4	2	-	3	5	1	1	-	3	10
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (inc. Paratyphoid)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia (all forms)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	39	1	8	8	2	2	14	2	2	-	-	-	20	5	3	5	6	-	-	1	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	45	6	4	8	5	6	13	2	-	1	-	-	37	5	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	104	7	12	17	8	11	36	7	2	2	1	1	67	14	6	7	10	7	1	2	0	3	13

Hospital Services.

The hospital services for the District were fully set out in the report for 1947 and the facilities detailed therein remained in being until July 5th when the National Health Service Act, 1946, came into force.

After that date, the Council ceased to have any financial liability for maintenance of cases of infectious disease in the Aldershot Civil Isolation Hospital and, consequently, medical practitioners had no obligation to obtain permission of the Council before admission of patients to that Hospital. Close co-operation on this subject between the Medical Officer of Health and general practitioners, however, continued to be maintained and compulsory removal under the Public Health Act, 1936, was unnecessary.

After the National Health Act came into operation, the following hospitals in the area were transferred to the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, Group No.8 (Farnham) comprising:

Farnham County Hospital.
Aldershot Hospital.
Frimley and Camberley District Hospital.
Fleet and District Hospital.
Trimmers, Farnham.
Farnborough and Cove Hospital.
Yateley and District Hospital.
Aldershot Maternity Hospital.
Aldershot Civil Isolation Hospital.
Farnham Infectious Disease Hospital.
Heath End Sanatorium, Farnham.

The following representatives from this District serve on the Hospital Management Committee:

Mrs. B.E. Redding, 25, Station Road, Frimley.
Lt.Col. C.G. Astley Cooper, "Abergeldie", Chobham Road, Camberley.

CAMBERLEY & FRIMLEY DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The following work was carried out during the year ended March 31st. 1949:-

Cases. Camberley 287 (Mid.30. Mat. 8. General 249).
Frimley 156 (Mid.16. Mat. 7. General 133).
Visits. Camberley 4649. Frimley 2660.

The work of the Committee remains unchanged except that it has had no financial liability since the inception of the National Health Service Act. The Committee's report states that the changeover was accomplished smoothly and easily due to the previous hard work of the Surrey County Nursing Association. The Committee retains the assets of the original Association with power to adminster them.

Venereal Disease.

Treatment of venereal disease is given at Clinics attached to the following hospitals:

GUILDFORD: Royal Surrey County Hospital.
Sessions:- Males. Tuesday & Friday: 5 - 7 p.m.
Saturday: 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Females. Monday: 2 - 7 p.m.
Thursday: 9.30 - 11 a.m.

WOKING: Woking and District Victoria Hospital.
Sessions:- Males: Thursday: 5 - 7 p.m.
Females. Tuesday: 9.30 - 11 a.m.
Friday: 5 - 7 p.m.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases and Mortality during 1948.

Age Periods	New cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female.
0	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1
15	3	3	1	1	-	-	-	-
25	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
35	1	4	-	-	1	1	-	-
45	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	12	9	2	3	4	2	-	1

Note:- New cases include eight transfers, (Five female and three male)

The Register shows that the number of persons resident in the Urban District on December 31st, 1948, suffering from Tuberculosis was 143:-

	Male	Female	Total
Respiratory	64	48	112
Non-respiratory	20	11	31

Tuberculosis Dispensaries.

Tuberculosis Dispensaries are available at the following centres:

FARNHAM: Brightwells, East Street.

1st.2nd,4th & 5th Tuesdays at 9.30 a.m.
1st Tuesday at 5.30 p.m.

WOKING: Clarence Avenue.

Mondays at 10 a.m.
2nd Monday at 5.30 p.m.

GUILDFORD: Tower House, Epsom Road.

Mondays 1.30 - 4 p.m.
Wednesday 1.30 - 4 p.m.
Fridays 9.30 - 12 noon.

Mass Radiography.

The Surrey County Council Mass Radiography Unit visited the District and a satisfactory response resulted in 2,709 persons being examined, age and sex group being as follows:-

Age Group.	Male.	Female.
14	269	81
15 - 24	343	426
25 - 34	257	286
35 - 44	232	308
45 - 59	174	211
60 and over	77	45
	1,352	1,357

Of this number 142 were recalled for large film examination and 53 for clinical examination.

The resulting positive diagnoses were:

Non-tuberculous pulmonary conditions:	9
Heart diseases:	4
Newly discovered cases of active pulmonary tuberculosis:	15

Midwifery.

There are six midwives practising in the District.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

Two maternity and child welfare clinics are provided in the area.

Laboratory facilities.

The Clinical Research Association Ltd., continued to carry out all pathological and bacteriological examinations on behalf of the Council.

The following "Antigens" are available on application:-

1. Diphtheria Antitoxin.
2. Diphtheria Prophylactic Alum Precipitated Toxoid.
3. Streptococcus Antitoxin (Scarlatina).
4. Anti-Tetanic Serum.
5. Anti-Venimeux Serum.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

203 children were immunised and 133 re-immunised against Diphtheria during the year. It is estimated that approximately 37% and 79% respectively of children under five and between five and fifteen have been immunised.

Scabies.

Clinics are held as required at the Surrey County Council Welfare Centre. Valuable voluntary assistance is given by members of the British Red Cross Detachment (Surrey 14) both in connection with scabies and diphtheria immunisation.

Yours faithfully,

F. CHURCHILL DAVIDSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Frimley & Camberley Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the following report relating to the work of the department carried out during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.

Water is supplied for the whole of the Urban District by the Mid-Wessex Water Company, which covers an area of some 272 square miles in parts of Surrey, Hants. and Berks..

The supply is obtained from the Company's deep wells in the chalk at Greywell, near Odiham, and at Itchell, near Crondall, together with the pumping stations at Frimley and the station at Beenham's Heath, Nr. Wokingham.

Treatment.

The Frimley water has a total hardness of 5.5 grains per gallon, and is subject to treatment by aeration, sand filtration and chlorination before being pumped into supply. The Company are required by statute to reduce the hardness of water supplied to a limit of 12 grains per gallon, and in view of this condition the supplies of water from Itchell, Greywell and Beenham's Heath which have a total hardness of 19.5 grains per gallon, are subjected to treatment by lime process in addition to filtration and chlorination.

Purity of Supply.

All sources are practically sterile in the raw state before treatment, but a precautionary dose of chlorine is introduced into the normal process of treatment in conformity with modern waterworks practice.

No difficulties were experienced by the Company and during the past year an increasing amount of water was required to furnish supplies to new house property under the Council's Building Schemes, but these and existing commitments were satisfactorily maintained for all purposes without restriction.

(I have pleasure in acknowledging the information relating to the supply and treatment of water by the Chief Engineer of the Mid-Wessex Water Company).

The water supply of the district has at all times been found to be adequate in quantity. The chemical and bacteriological examination of samples taken from the High and Low Level mains have shown the water to be of a satisfactory quality and free from plumbo-solvent action.

PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE.

By arrangement with the Board of Trade a Salvage Drive was organised for the period 26th January to 14th February. The Campaign can be recorded as most successful, being actively supported by the Chamber of Commerce, and the Press. In particular, the children of all schools in the district co-operated enthusiastically.

A Target of 30 tons of paper was set for the district, which was indeed high, and compared favourably with the targets of other districts of greater population. The final figures showed that the 'Target' figure had been exceeded, with a grand total of just over 35 tons of paper. The Campaign was somewhat competitive and applied to all districts in the County of Surrey, the result placed the Frimley & Camberley Urban District amongst the Local Authorities with the highest yield per 1,000 of the population.

A high yield for the salvage of paper was maintained throughout the year which exceeded the official quota as is evidenced by the Council being eligible for "Waste Paper Increased Allowance" of £68.16.6, which was received from the Ministry during the year.

Some difficulty has been experienced during the year in maintaining the regularity of collection of household refuse. The shortage of suitable labour still remains a difficult problem.

The new National Conditions of Service were implemented by the Council from the beginning of October, as a result of which the 44 hour week was inaugurated.

The mild weather experienced during the latter end of the year contributed toward maintaining the regularity of collections between 9 - 11 days respectively.

The following salvage and materials were collected and sold during the financial year ended 31st March, 1949:-

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.	£ . s . d.
Mixed Paper	271	12	-	-	1804 .16 . 8
Bones	1	11	3	15	9 . 3 . 4
Textiles.	24	8	1	27	389 . 9 . 1
Non-Ferrous Metals. . .		14	-	1	22 . 9 . 1
Ferrous Scrap	10	3	2	-	14 .13 . 0
Bottles and Jars. . . .	24	1	1	-	144 . 9 . 6
Miscellaneous	6	16	3	8	9 . 8 . 5
	339	7	3	23	£2394 . 9 . 1

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

The district is not regarded as a milk producing area owing to the shortage of suitable pasture. The greater proportion of milk consumed in the area is obtained outside the district from the larger wholesale dairying concerns.

The public demand for designated milk has steadily increased during the year.

There are 17 dairy farms in the district, of these 3 are producing designated milks.

The number of milk producers and retailers operating in the Urban District is set out in the following table:-

No. of Registered Cowkeepers	17	producers of
		Designated Milk 3
		Ordinary Milk 14
No. of Registered Retail Purveyors	21	
No. of Retail Purveyors operating from outside the area	5	

School Milk.

All milk supplied to schools in the district is from supplies that are either Pasteurised or Tuberculin Tested.

MILK SAMPLING.

Raw Milk.

25 samples of ordinary milk were submitted for bacteriological examination; of these 23 were satisfactory.

Pasteurised Milk.

28 samples of Pasteurised Milk were submitted to the Phosphatase Test, 27 of these were found to be satisfactory and one failed to pass the prescribed test.

Tuberculin Tested Milk.

5 samples of Tuberculin Tested Milk were submitted for Bacteriological examination and were satisfactory.

Biological Examination of Milk.

During the year 7 samples of milk were submitted to a biological examination for the detection of the presence of tubercle bacilli; in each case a negative result was obtained.

Designated Milk Licences.

To Bottle Tuberculin Tested Milk 2

To Retail Tuberculin Tested Milk 7

To Bottle & Retail Pasteurised Milk. . . 1

To Retail Pasteurised Milk 7

Cleansing and Sterilising Equipment etc..

Improvements have been carried out at 6 dairy premises in the district, including the provision of new impervious walls and flooring, drainage, installation of modern equipment for sterilising, and enlargement of refrigeration stores.

Milk bottles have been submitted for bacteriological examination, all of which were found to be of a satisfactory standard.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The Department works in close association with the Ministry of Food, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries and Milk Marketing Board, and acts in an advisory capacity on any complaints received by the Ministry of Food pertaining to the quality and fitness of milk supplies; and also on all matters relating to the examination and fitness of food for human consumption.

188 Inspections have been made to examine food during the year, and the following commodities were condemned:-

FISH.

3 stone Cod.
2 stone Finnan Haddock.
14 lbs. Kippers.
26 tins Sardines.
44 tins Smoked Herring Splits.
6 tins Smoked Herring Spread.
1 tin Herring Roes.
12 tins Cod Liver Roes.
7 tins Salmon.
2 tins Pilchards.
3 tins Crawfish.
1 tin Dressed Crab.
1 tin Haddock Liver.
1 tin Whiting.
1 tin Laviar.
1 tin Anchovies.

FISH (continued)

2 tins Mussels.
2 tins Shrimps.
6 dozen Fish Cakes.

MEAT.

62 lbs. Argentine Beef.
119 lbs. Corned Beef.
26¼ lbs. Corned Mutton.
11 lbs. 13 ozs. English Beef.
9 lbs. 10 ozs. Bacon.
4 lbs. 10½ ozs. Luncheon Meat.
6 lbs. Tongue.
7 lbs. Beef Loaf.
1½ lbs. Australian Mutton.
6 tins Danish Pork.

MEAT (continued).

5 tins Sausages.
3 tins Meat Roll.
1 tin Dutch Brawn.
1 tin Lambs' Tongues.
2 tins Stewed Steak.
1 tin M. & V. Ration.
1 tin Fish Paste.
4 tins Potted Meat.
5 jars Meat Paste.
8 pkts. Beef Suet.

VEGETABLES, SWEETMEATS, ETC..

35 tins Soup.
2 pkts. Soup.
8 tins Potatoes.
1 cwt. Potatoes.
2 tins Spinach.
45 tins Peas.
96 lbs. Beans.
24 tins Beans.
8 tins Tomatoes.
62 tins Tomato Juice.
75 tins Carrots.
4 tins Beetroot.
3 tins Mixed Vegetables.
5 jars Pickled Onions.
2 jars Sweet Pickle.
34 jars Piccalilli.

VEGETABLES, SWEETMEATS, ETC.. (continued).

22 jars Pickled Red Cabbage.
8 tins Spaghetti.
1 jar Marmite.
1 jar Horseradish Sauce.
8 lbs. Honey.
15 lbs. Jam.
2 tins Lemon Curd.
12 tins Marmalade.
1 tin Apple Jelly.
4 lbs. Treacle.
1 lb. Mincemeat.
27 bottles Plums.
17 tins Plums.
30 lbs. Prunes.
3 tins Cherries.
32 tins Grapefruit.
2 tins Grapes.
1 tin Apricots.
5 tins Fruit Salad.
1 bottle Rhubarb.
2 tins Orange Juice.
1 tin Sweet Corn.
104 tins Evaporated Milk.
67 tins Full Cream Milk.
1 small bottle Coffee Essence.
3 tins Fruit Pudding.
138 pkts. Pudding Mixture.
445 Eggs.
1 tin Dried Egg.
2 pkts. Salt.

There have been no known cases of food poisoning occurring in the District. This important branch of work calls for ever increasing attention, not only to the various articles of foodstuff, but to the code of practice relating to the Hygiene of personnel engaged in the industry and the sanitary condition of the premises in order to eliminate the risk of illness from infected or contaminated food.

There are no Government Slaughterhouses in the district although arrangements were made at the request of the Ministry of Food for one slaughterhouse in the district to be licensed by the Council for the slaughter of pigs. Details of all licences authorising the slaughter of pigs are notified by the Ministry for the information of the Department.

A Conference on Food and Drink Infections under the Chairmanship of Lord Woolton was attended in October. Delegates from all Local Authorities in the Country assembled to consider the need for a higher standard of hygiene in Food premises.

All food premises including butchers' shops, provision stores, fish shops, bakehouses, restaurants and snack bars are under constant supervision, where improvement of the premises has involved licensing restrictions the Department has supported the case with the Ministry of Food for the necessary permit.

The following samples of foodstuffs were submitted for detailed analysis, results of which showed the commodities in question to be free from suspicion:-

Australian Canned Corned Mutton.
Piccalilli.
Chewing Gum.
Dried Egg.
Effervescing Drink.

Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream.

There are now 34 premises registered in the district; 4 of these are licensed to manufacture and 30 are licensed to retail prepacked ice cream. All premises and vehicles used in connection with this trade have been kept under close supervision.

The Council has been exacting in their requirements relating to registration of manufacture and retail of Ice Cream. No contraventions of the Regulations have been detected during the year.

Samples of Ice Cream have been taken from these manufacturers and retailers, the results of the analysis being as follows:-

Grade 1 -	12
Grade 2 -	8
Grade 3 -	8
Grade 4 -	2

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

Return of Samples taken in the District by the Surrey County Council and analysed during 1948.

Articles.	Analysed.			Adulterated or Irregular.			Prosecutions.	Convictions
	Formal.	Informal.	Total.	Formal.	Informal.	Total.		
FOOD:								
Milk	80	1	81	7	-	7	1	1 *
Coffee	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Fish Cakes	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Fruit Drink Powder & Crystals. . . .	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
Pepper	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sausage Meat	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	-
Spirits.	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Vinegar.	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-
DRUGS:								
Citric Acid.	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	86	9	95	8	1	9	1	-

NOTES. * Dismissed under Probation of Offenders Act.

There were also two prosecutions in respect of the wilful obstruction of a Sampling Officer in the execution of his duties. These concerned an attempt to procure certain samples of milk. The dairy farmer was convicted and the case against his cowman was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act.

CIVIL AMBULANCE SERVICE.

This service was operated by the Council under the direct supervision and control of your Chief Sanitary Inspector.

The service was taken over by the Surrey County Council with other personal Health Services as from the 5th July.

The personnel of the service comprised two whole-time drivers, supplemented by a part-time relief driver. One male State Registered Nurse was employed as Ambulance Attendant.

Details of the operation of the service from 1st January to 4th July are set out below together with the financial particulars.

Accident cases	19
Other cases.	197
with a mileage of.	4201

Cost of service (from 1st April to 4th July, the period from 1st January to 31st March being included in my last report).

Expenditure.	£322 . 6 . 4
Income	£120 . 2 . 7
Net cost	£202 . 3 . 9

Reciprocal arrangements for Mutual Aid were maintained between Frimley and Camberley, Farnborough and Aldershot Local Authorities on the one hand and a similar arrangement with the Bagshot Ambulance Committee, until the date of transfer.

VERMIN INFESTATION CONTROL.

Rodent Destruction.

The Council has continued to adminster the provisions of the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919 and has continued to make available a specialised and free service to occupiers of dwellings. Charges are made in respect of similar services provided at Commercial and Industrial Premises.

During the year 327 premises were treated for rat and mice infestations and as a result of this work 2681 rats were destroyed.

A survey of the Council's sewers was carried out in July at the request of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries. During the test 86 manholes were baited, and resulted in "takes" at 3 points, which may be regarded as an extremely satisfactory result.

In November a Special Survey was made of the River Blackwater from a point adjacent to the Gas Works to Frimley. Testing and treatment was made possible with the loan of a special flat-bottom military craft loaned to the Department by the Authorities at the Royal Military Academy.

Surrey No. 1 Workable Area Committee comprises representatives from the following Local Authorities:-

Frimley & Camberley Urban District Council.
Egham Urban District Council.
Walton & Weybridge Urban District Council.
Bagshot Rural District Council.
Surrey County Council.
Surrey War Agricultural Executive Committee.
Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries.

The Committee has met at quarterly intervals throughout the year. The object of the Committee is to discuss problems relating to this special branch of work and to co-ordinate the work of Local Authorities within the Workable Area.

The Chairman of the Public Health Committee of Frimley and Camberley is the Chairman of this Committee, and your Chief Sanitary Inspector has continued as the Honorary Secretary, and also serves as a Member of the Regional Advisory Committee.

Other Vermin.

Five premises were dealt with for bug and flea infestations. Bedding, clothing and other soft-furnishings were dealt with by steam disinfection.

It is the practice of the Department to follow up the initial treatment given at all properties with a further treatment after a period of 21 days to allow for the incubation of eggs which may have been missed. The extra work involved fully compensates having regard to the results obtained.

4 properties have been treated for cockroach infestations.

Wasps and Hornets have given rise to a certain amount of trouble during the season. This work is not the responsibility of the Department; there have been, however, many occasions when residents have appealed for assistance in dealing with this menace, particularly where nests have been built under the floors, or in cavity walls and roofs of dwellings. All work in connection with these matters is carried out on a rechargeable basis. Forty-three nests were destroyed.

Mosquito Control.

Watercourses, ditches and ponds in the District, where mosquitoes are known to be breeding, are sprayed at regular intervals during the season as a routine treatment.

The House Longhorn Beetle.

The survey of properties to ascertain the extent of infestation by the House Longhorn Beetle has been continued. There is no indication that attack by this beetle is confined to any particular class of property either by reason of age or type of construction.

Detailed reports on this subject have been submitted to the Ministry of Health and a special conference was held at the Ministry of Health with representatives of the Ministry, Dr. R.C. Fisher (Scientific Research Laboratory) and the Chief Sanitary Inspector in August, when it was decided that certain Local Authorities in Surrey, Berkshire and Hampshire would be approached on this matter by the Ministry of Health to ascertain information on any similar infestation in these areas.

Work on the Survey is being continued and the closest liaison is being maintained with Dr. R.C. Fisher of the Forest Products Scientific Research Laboratory, Princes Risborough.

Petroleum (Regulations) Acts, 1928 - 1936.

Thirty-five licences were issued during the year, sanctioning the storage of petroleum spirit or petroleum mixtures in the form of cellulose.

Storage for bulk supplies of petroleum spirit is provided in underground steel tanks varying in capacity from 250 to 2,000 gallons. Cellulose paint spraying mixtures are stored in metal containers of one to five gallon capacity - bulk supplies of these commodities are kept in brick, metal or other approved fireproof structures.

No licences have been issued for the storage of Carbide of Calcium.

Total fees received for licences £24.0.0.

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Chief Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

	Inspections.
HOUSING:-	
Inspections re Housing Defects	1033
,, under Housing Acts	4
,, ,, ,, ,, re overcrowding. .	9
VERMINOUS PREMISES.	
Houses inspected	11
,, disinfested	11
No. of dirty premises.	3
NOTICES SERVED.	
No. of informal notices served	108
,, ,, ,, complied with. .	97
,, statutory ,, served	13
,, ,, ,, complied with. .	12
,, Court proceedings	-
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.	
Inquiries in cases of Infectious Disease	49
Visits re disinfection	36
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease visits .	16
GENERAL SANITATION.	
Inspection re complaints	303
Water supplies	27
Watercourses	12
Stables.	5
Piggeries.	19
Fried Fish Shops, Fishmongers	21
Dairies and Milk Shops	135
Cowsheds	48
Butcher Shops.	126
Provision Stores, Restaurants, Cafes, etc..	198
Food Inspections	188
Bakehouses	28
Moveable dwellings	23
Factories.	86
Theatres	8
Refuse collection, disposal and salvage .	589
Schools.	10
Petroleum Inspections.	54
Public Conveniences.	348
Rats and Mice Destruction.	422
Diphtheria Immunisation.	20
Ambulance.	43
Mortuary	12
Burials (under Nat. Assistance Act, 1948).	1
Survey -House Longhorn Beetle.	85
Miscellaneous.	145

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.- INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health

Premises.	No. on Register.	Number of Inspections.	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sect.1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	91	86	12	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sect.7.is enforced by the Local Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Sect.7 is enforced by L.A. (excl.out-workers'premises.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	91	86	12	Nil

2.- CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars.	No.of cases in which defects were found: Found	Remedied.	Referred To H.M. Inspector.	Referred By H.M. Inspector.	No.of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Want of cleanliness (S.1). .	2	2	-	1	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature(S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	1	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6). . . .	1	1	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient.	5	5	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	1	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	4	4	-	2	-
TOTAL	16	16	1	4	Nil.